

Draft Project Proposal

SOLIDARITY WITH TIMORESE YOUTH & STUDENTS

Introduction – Fact Sheet on East Timor

I. Historical Background:

- Colonized by Portugal between 1511 – 1975
- Invaded by Indonesia on 7 December 1975
- 18.889 Square Kilometers
- Population according to 1975 census: 700 000

II. Legal Status:

- UN still recognizes East Timor as a non-self governing Territory to which the provisions of the UN Charter and General Assembly Resolution 1514 and 1541 on self-Determination are fully applicable.
- Both the General Assembly and the Security Council have adopted more than 10 resolutions on East Timor.

III. Human Rights Situation:

- More than 200 000 people have been killed since 1975.
- Gross and systematic Human Rights violations are widespread.
- It is one of the most militarized territories in the world.
- UN Commission on Human Rights adopted on the 11th of March 1993 a sweeping resolution condemning Human Rights violations on East Timor and Called on the Secretary General and Special Rapporteur to present reports on East Timor.
- These unprecedented decisions of the UN Commission reflect the widespread consensus that the situation in East Timor is intolerable.

PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT:

This project consists of several interdependent stages:

- the first stage is the preparatory stage, to develop and distribute information.
- the second stage will be the organisation of an International Seminar "Youth and Students for Timor". Venue: Coimbra, Portugal.
- the third stage is the organisation of an International Mission of student rights to Jakarta and East Timor.
- the fourth stage is the final stage; wherein the report will be compiled, published and distributed, and an evaluation will take place also to investigate very first the necessity and secondly the possibilities to proceed the project in another continent.

FIRST STAGE: Preparatory Stage: June – October 1994

Aims:

- the main objective of this stage is to contact a big number of student and youth organisations in Europe communicating them the current situation of youth and students in Timor
- to gather the basic information on Timor and proceed to publicize it
- to involve youth and students in solidarity actions for Timor and invite them to the

International Seminar of Students and Youth for Timor to be held in Portugal (December 1994)

- to give publicity to the case of the Maubere resistance from a students' perspective.

Activities:

- development of communication materials (writing, design, publication) and promotion of existing documentary and videos. (four languages: English, Spanish, Portuguese and Dutch).
- Tour along different European cities, visiting student and youth organisations with whom Seminars and debates will be held on Timor. Videos will be released.

Plan of Action:

I. June - July - August

- a) Gathering of all the existing information, in cooperation with:
 - Embassy of Portugal/ The Hague, Netherlands,
 - International Platform of Jurists for East Timor,
 - UNPO,
 - Amnesty International.
- b) Classification and selection of all the documentation: the aim is to search for the specific information on the situation of youth and students in Timor.
Cooperation:
 - International Platform of Jurists for East Timor.
- c) Editing and translation of the selected documentation in English, Spanish and Dutch. (French ?)
- d) Design of the materials.
- e) Publication and distribution of the materials.

II. September - October

- a) Tour: "Solidarity Eurail for Timor", two persons
 1. The project will be communicated to all the members of the International Platform of Jurists who have links with the European Universities, requesting them for cooperation.
 2. The project will be communicated to the representative offices of Amnesty International, requesting for cooperation.
 3. The agenda of the Tour will have to be coordinated in accordance with the different European Seminars on Timor already organized during the period September/October 1994, with the aim of unifying efforts. (For example: "The European responsibility on East Timor" Seminar to be organized by the South Asian Information Centre, Bochum, Germany)

Cooperation:

- National and local student and youth organizations.
- Amnesty International (representative offices)
- International Platform of Jurists for East Timor.

SECOND STAGE: International seminar 'Youth & Students for Timor': 11-15 December

Aims:

- the main objective of this Seminar is to become the most important Youth Forum for Solidarity with Timor

- outputs of the Seminar should include future Plans of Action like:
 - To organize lobby on the European governments for the complete cessation of selling weapons to Indonesian government.
 - To request the United Nations for more firm decisions in the search of solutions for Timor's liberation.
 - The commitment of spread Timor's case among Universities and Higher Education Institutions.

Activities:

Organisation of the International Seminar in the University of Coimbra, Portugal.

Date: 11 to 15 December 1994.

Finally, this Seminar will be the starting point for the organization of the International Student and Youth Mission to Jakarta and East Timor.

Participants: Youth and Student Organizations

Co-organisers: Christian Movement for Peace (Coimbra, Portugal)
 International Platform of Jurists for Timor
 Coimbra Union of Students
 Coimbra University
 International Union of Students

THIRD STAGE: International Mission: January 1995

Aims & Objectives:

- to observe the Student and Youth Rights Situation in Timor in order to present the cases to the Secretary General and the Special Rapporteur for Timor in the United Nations.
- To present the cases to the United Nations Working Groups on Forced Disappearances, Torture or/and Summary Executions.
- To present the reports to the Human Rights Commission and the Sub-Commission on Discrimination and Protection of Minorities of the United Nations.
- To spread the information among the Youth and Student Organizations and NGOs on Human Rights.

Cooperation:

- Amnesty International
- UNPO
- International Platform of Jurists for Timor
- International Union of Students

FOURTH STAGE: Publication Report & Evaluation: February, March & April 1995

Publication of a book containing:

- a) Brief history of Timor
- b) Solidarity Tour for Timor (conclusions)
- c) Portugal Conference
- d) Report on the Mission to Jakarta and East Timor

Published in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch and, if possible, in French.

This book will be presented to:

- The United Nations General Secretary.
- The Director of the United Nations Human Rights Center.
- The Director of UNESCO.
- United Nations Special Rapporteur for Timor.
- General Secretary of the Organisation of American States (OEA).
- European Community.
- Amnesty International.
- CRE - Council of Rectors in Europe.
- UDUAL - Union of Latin American Universities.
- Student and Youth Organisations (at national, local and regional level)
- Human Rights Organisations in the different regions.

All this work will be supervised by the National Council of Maubere Resistance.

Project Budget

Preparatory Stage: Development Communication Materials

documentation	400	
illustrations/photographs	100	
printing pamphlets (4 500 copies, 4 languages)	1 600	
printing brochures (10 000 copies, 4 languages)	2 400	
distribution	260	
100 video cassettes	1 500	
renumeration ¹		
Project Officer Pacific 56h	1 960	
Publication & Communication 72h	2 520	
Financial Manager 44h	1 540	
Translation 16h	560	
bureau costs ²	1 200	
Subtotal		14 040

Preparatory Stage: Tour (one month)

travel costs 'Interrail' 2 persons	1 400	
accommodation 2 persons	800	
expenses compensation à f500 per person	1 000	
renumeration		
Project Officer Pacific 16h	560	
Financial Manager 8h	280	
bureau costs	200	
Subtotal		4 240

International Seminar³

publicity mailing to youth & student organisations	350	
travel costs Portugal 3 persons	1 200	
renumeration		
Project Officer Pacific 16h	560	
Publication & Communication 24h	840	
Financial Manager 16h	560	
Translation 12h	420	
bureau costs	200	
Subtotal		4 130

¹ The renumeration of the staff is based on a gross salary of about DFL 3 000, this is a net salary of approximately DFL 2 000 (full time). The costs per hour (estimation f35/h) include employers' costs.

² Concerning telephone and fax costs, postal costs, materials, travel costs for consultative meetings etc.

³ The Seminar will be organized at the University of Coimbra, Portugal. All costs concerning the Seminar will be calculated by the co-organisers in Portugal.